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## Farewell but not forgotten:

### Friends of the Handicapped volunteers distribute their last round of donations



Friends of the Handicapped volunteers.



Remaining FOTH members with Minister Paul Croes and Daniel Tecklenborg



Surviving FOTH volunteers and their memorial plaque

ORANJESTAD -- It was a very bittersweet moment at the Casa Del Mar on Wednesday evening, March 12. Representatives of several island foundations and Director of CEDE Aruba, which administrates

and finds funding for worthy organizations and projects, bid farewell to the few remaining volunteers of Friends of the Handicapped, (FOTH)

Founded 27 years ago by Keith and Wilma Jones, both

deceased, FOTH consisted of a dedicated group of community-minded island visitors who had been vacationing annually on Aruba for years. When some of the pool boys at the Aruba Beach Club were selling shells to raise funds for a local foundation, FAVI, which is dedicated to assisting the visually impaired, they donated generously and decided to pitch in. Thus, with the assistance islander, Marcelino Kock, a legal foundation was created, ably assisted by Anoushka of the executive offices of the Casa Del Mar. They organized annual events that raised funds for several important island foundations.

The visiting volunteers worked very hard on three events that were great fun for vacationers and residents alike, a Superbowl Lottery, a Valentine's Day dinner dance, and a bingo night. Loyally sponsored by several local jewelers, resorts, car rentals and activity operators, they sold raffle tickets for the donated merchandise and services that allowed them to raise and distribute 1.5 million dollars to over 23 local charities during their 27 years of operation.

Sadly, 27 years takes its toll on even the most vital and energetic of community activists, with many of the FOTH volunteers unable to make the trip to Aruba this year. In particular, the FOTH President of the past 14 years, Art Stark, who did arrive late, had to be rushed back to the U.S. for health reasons, and his wife Alma, also a very active member of the group, has had to withdraw over the past few years because of failing health. Last year, already, the remaining members were considering retiring the foundation unless they had some new, younger volunteers to take up the baton. However, the sad passing over the past year of the honorary treasurer since the inception of FOTH, Phil Solomon, signaled the retirement of foundation.

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## Satellite firm confirms it received signals from missing Malaysian plane

GREAT BRITAIN -- While the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has expanded westward amid concerns of foul play, a satellite company confirmed that signals from the plane were registered by its network.

British satellite telecommunications company Inmarsat said yesterday that signals from the Boeing 777 were "routine" and "automated." It did not disclose, however, when the communications occurred in relation to the aircraft's March 8 disappearance.

Inmarsat said the information was given to SITA, a multinational air transport communications and information technology company, which in turn has shared it with Malaysia Airlines.

There are 13 countries scouring the region with ships, spy satellites, and submarine-hunting aircraft for any sign of the Boeing 777 and its 239 passengers. The last known point of radar contact with the jet was midway between Malaysia's east coast and the southern tip of Vietnam.



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## Friends of the Handicapped volunteers distribute ...

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Phil Solomon



Respeto Mi has received a donation since 2002



EPI student accept for Imeldahoff



Funari receives a check

Aruba Huguet Vati-quette, who faithfully manned the lottery boards in the lobby for years, could also not be present.

The remaining volunteers who returned this year, Sal and Maryann Lacarruba and Rich and Marie Szempruch, were paid tribute during an informal ceremony at the Casa Del Mar. Even while being honored by Aruba's Minister of Social Affairs, Youth Policy and Labor, Paul Croes, and the Aruba Tourism Authority for their generosity and dedication to the island, they delivered

from their generosity on Monday evening were Respeto Mi, which battles child abuse, Queen Wilhelmina Cancer Fund, which assists victims of cancer and their families financially, Ambiente Feliz, Ambiente Nobo and Funari, which care for the mentally and physically challenged. Mi Por works with children who have Cerebral Palsy. Imeldahoff, a home for teenagers from troubled families and the Edmund Harms Foundation, which offers in-home care for terminal cancer patients, were also awarded a final check.

CEDE Director Daniel Tecklenborg stated the value of their contribution, not only in tangible monies, but in goodwill and the fine example of community spirit and volunteerism, could not be measured.

Ironically, only a short time before the honoring was to take place, the electricity failed in both Casa Del Mar and the Aruba Beach Club, resulting in the resorts being plunged into total darkness. The venue for the final honoring was hastily changed to the pool deck of the Casa Del Mar Ambassador Suites. Minister Croes noted that this temporary inconvenience provided a small sense of what those who are handicapped have to contend with every day through all of their lives, heightening the value of



Art and Alma Stark

the contributions of the FOTH volunteers in making the lives of Aruba's handicapped better. He could only hope that members of the island community could learn from their selfless dedication to a place far from their homes, and appreciate all they have done for Aruba.

A final tribute by Ernst Giel of the Aruba Tourism Authority including the awarding of a newly minted commemorative medal for long time visitors, naming them Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba, including Art and Alma Stark.

Aside from the aforementioned volunteers, a plaque hangs in the Casa Del Mar lobby with the names of the "fallen soldiers" of FOTH, who also donated their vacation time and effort. They are Guy Caggiano, Angelo and

Serena Zangrillo, Alvin Osterhoudt, Howard Veurink, Angelo de Mauro, Diane Wild, (and husband Steve, still living) Sam Wexler, Ruthie Solomon, Bernard Daley and Fathers Bernard Robert and Bernard Kirchman; gone but not forgotten!

THE MORNING NEWS is saddened to report the dissolution of this valuable organization, Friends of the Handicapped. Along with Minister Croes and all the foundations, we thank them for their untiring efforts for the island Keith and Wilma Jones considered "Right next door to heaven." It has been an honor and a pleasure to attend and report on the many enjoyable fundraising events they have organized over the past years.



A check for the Queen Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation

His sister, Polly, also a volunteer, could not come down without him. David Ulmschneider, who organized the annual bingo, and his wife Tana, have also not returned to

eight final checks to favorite causes, from funds out of their own pockets and collected during the Sunday masses at the resort.

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## Arubans may register and vote for European Parliament

ORNJESTAD -- the Dutch Kingdom is busy preparing for the European Parliament elections which takes place in the month of May. The last European Parliament in 2009 was the first time that Arubans voted as European citizens.

It was the actual Prime Minister Mike Eman together with Minister Benny Sevinger and Dr. Mito Croes who headed the path to getting Dutch citizens living outside of Holland to vote in the European Parliament elections.

The Prime Minister explained that the process is open to all Arubans, all registered Dutch citizens may participate in the May 22nd elections. All Dutch nationals have until April 10th to register if they want to vote. Europe House will be the center where citizens can go for

information on the elections. Registration consists of two parts. In 2009 some 14 thousand persons were registered/approved; hence they will receive notification via email at their home addresses of their voting eligibility. They must register the form received and include a copy of their passport or other ID. These must be submitted at the office of the Dutch Kingdom representative on Aruba.

According to Mike Eman, it is important that Arubans exercise their right to vote in this election. We must have a voice and be part of the world in which we live. He encourages all Arubans to take advantage of this privilege. It is important that we have a voice in the European Union.

## Holy Week Camping requires Police permission: apply now!

ORNJESTAD -- The earlier your petition is submitted for the 2014 Camping period, the sooner your petition will be handled, according to Liliana Croes of the Department of Communication of the Police Force.

Applications will be accepted up and until March 28th. All those interested in camping in the Oranjestad area, including Noord, must apply at the Police Station in Oranjestad. Those interested in camping in the vicinity of Balashi, Andicuri, etc., must submit their petition at the Police Station in Santa Cruz at Macuarima.

And for campers in the San Nicolas area, petitions must be submitted at the Police Station

in San Nicolas. According to Liliana Croes, petitions submitted after March 28th consequently will not receive camping permits.

The camping period is from April 13 from 12 noon until April 27th. No permits for camping or for tents or trailers will be given for the areas recognized as camping before or after said period. The Police will be maintaining order in the camping areas both in Oranjestad and Noord and San Nicolas. Their intent is to provide safety to all campers in all the 4 districts on the island. Police will be patrolling on bicycles, quad racers, and in Jeeps. On the ocean they will join the Guarda Costa (Coast Guard).



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## Minister Mike de Meza counts birds

ORNJESTAD -- On March 18th Minister Mike de Meza, responsible for environment and nature, will be participating in Aruba's national bird count. Greg Peterson of Aruba Birdlife Conservation presented Minister Mike de Meza, with his bird count form. The national bird count will take place on Tuesday March 18th between 7 and 9 a.m. and only takes 15 minutes.

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## Meet Aruba's unofficial Carnival Ambassador to the World: **Rossini van Wijk**

ORANJESTAD -- As spectators gasped and admired the artistry of some of the stunning costumes wending their way through Oranjestad's streets during the final parade of Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival, they may have some point mentally applauded the individuals who labor in conceptualizing, designing and creating these works of art.

On such is Rossini van Wijk, born on Aruba and living on

and off in Holland over the past two decades. Much of Rossini's life revolves around Carnival, especially now that he has been in Holland for the past ten years. However, he could not resist taking part in Aruba's landmark event of 2014, and undoubtedly, many may have noticed him and his nieces in plush Venetian Carnival them costumes guiding a roadpiece down L.G. Smith Boulevard.

"I have been involved with

Carnival since I can remember," he recalls. Way back when he was only a child, he participated in the parades with people like the Esso Club, or his sister, whose group was simply called "Alida's Kids Group," and they did not have formal names or an established hierarchy such as they do now. Rossini can recall only two years in his entire life that he was not involved with carnival, when he lost his parents.



Rossini van Wijk



During Summer Carnival in Rotterdam

Otherwise, it has always been a focal point of his year.

The same immigrant spirit that brought carnival to Aruba, resulted in the Zomercarnaval in Rotterdam, Holland. 30 years past immigrants from the Dutch Caribbean islands, mostly Arubans, began putting on costumes and dancing in the streets. The celebrations were moved to summer, the last Saturday of July, as the winter weather was not conducive to such an event.

The Dutch recognized the commercial and cultural value of this practice, and it became a formalized event with enormous government support, for which Rossini is particularly grateful. Rotterdam provides a work area at the ports for the groups to construct their floats and costumes. They provide all the raw construction materials, such as lumber and nails, as well as a standardized vehicle for the bands, all for no charge.

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NOORD – Paseo Herencia is celebrating Aruba's National Day! On March 18, Anthem and Flag Day, Paseo Herencia management has organized a tremendous cultural show in the central Plaza Padu. There will be traditional entertainment by Tipico Alegre Cadushi Largo and dance group "Youth in Action" under the guidance of Debra Boekhoudt. There will be several stands offering a wide variety of regional treats and other typical delicacies, including enlolo cake, coconut water and cocada (coconut sweets).

The restaurants at Paseo are also joining in; they will fea-

ture a number of special promotions. Everyone is invited to come savor the different flavors of the mall's many dining options, while enjoying a pleasant afternoon with friends and family members.

Paseo Kids Village will be open to entertain children with plenty of distractions, including a carousel, so parents can relax while strolling around the premises.

The show starts at 6:00 p.m., so don't be late! Visit Paseo Herencia this coming holiday to enjoy our culture in a relaxing ambiance, and learn about our island history.

## Minister Mike de Meza counts birds

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The national bird count helps attain insight in the state of Aruba's birds and contributes to awareness and conservation of Aruba's wildlife.

Arikok National Park in collaboration with Aruba Birdlife Conservation invites the Aruban population as well as our tourists to participate in the bird count. The bird count forms can be attained at Arikok National Park, Fort Zoutman, the national libraries, the Postal Services, Santarosa, Tri Bike,

Superfood, Botica Maria, Botica Weg Seroe preto and Bright Bakery. Filled in forms can be submitted at the same locations up to March 28th.

For more information visit the Facebook pages of 'arikoknationalpark' and 'aruba birdlife conservation'.

Minister Mike de Meza supports this initiative and invites all locals and tourists to participate in Aruba's national bird count.

## Meet Aruba's unofficial Carnival Ambassador ...

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Additionally, ice and giant coolers are provided gratis to all groups. As an added incentive for participants to be lavish in their creations, cash prizes are offered for groups and individuals who produced the most dramatic costumes, roadpieces and floats.

"Over the years, groups from Suriname, and all over the Caribbean have joined the Zomercarnaval," reports Rossini. "It creates a very rich cultural tapestry as each nation brings their own cultural traditions to the mix. It is a huge event, four times the size of that in Aruba, taking place only on this one day of the year." His very well-respected group in Holland is called "Kingdoms Under the Sun."

"I wanted my group to have Aruban background," asserts Rossini, "for the music to be Aruban. It wasn't my principal desire to promote Aruba, which happens automatically, but be-



**Rossini in Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival**

cause I had many compatriots living in Holland, I felt they wished to be able to identify with a particular group."

This is not to say Rossini is not enthusiastic about Aruba's annual event, which he considered particularly fantastic this past year. He did note that he would like to see the costumes more exactly exemplify the var-

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roughly enjoyed by the populace, both as participants and spectators, but it adds interest to their tourism product and the annual calendar of events.

London, Berlin and Spain have joined Holland in hosting this spectacle of their immigrant cultures, and Rossini is often invited to them as an expert and Ambassador of Carnival. He is looking forward to attending the next one in Spain.

Rossini is very much still involved in Aruba's carnival. He designed costumes this year for TOB, MIO, NBO, OPC and Excellence Carnival Groups, and has already been commissioned to provide designs for next year. His primary focus, however, is "Kingdoms Under the Sun." He began the group upon returning to Holland in 2003, because "I cannot do without my carnival!"





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## US ship, plane to search Bay of Bengal for missing jet

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US naval ship and surveillance plane are heading to the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal to search for a missing Malaysian airliner that vanished a week ago, officials said Friday.

A P-8 Poseidon aircraft and a guided missile destroyer, the USS Kidd, were due to aid the international hunt for the jet as the search effort extended further west, Pentagon spokesman Colonel Steven Warren said.

"At Malaysia's request, the USS Kidd is north of the Strait of Malacca in what we're calling the western search area," Warren told reporters.

The Kidd was preparing to search the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal for the Malaysia Airlines plane, he said.

"The P-8 will be searching a much larger search area... the southern portion of the Bay of Bengal and the northern portion of the Indian Ocean," he said, adding that final orders had yet to be issued.

The Boeing 777 vanished off radar early Saturday over the South China Sea with 239 people on board, after taking off from Kuala Lumpur bound for Beijing.

The plane's fate has vexed investigators and Malaysia authorities have dramatically expanded the scope of the search operation.

The hunt had initially focused on the South China Sea east of Malaysia -- along the intended route of the jet, which took off from Kuala Lumpur en route to Beijing.

But Malaysia's government was now looking at a vast area, extending to the Bay of

Bengal and the Indian Ocean, with 13 countries now involved in the desperate search.

The Pentagon said a second naval destroyer, the USS Pinckney, which had assisted the search effort this week, was due to depart for Singapore for scheduled maintenance.

The P-8 aircraft now in the area was replacing a P-3 Orion surveillance plane that had taken part in the initial hunt for the airliner.

After flying over the Gulf of Thailand on Thursday looking for signs of plane debris, the P-3 reported "nothing found," Warren said.



## Venezuela accuses US of seeking to fund violence

GENEVA (AFP) - Venezuela's chief prosecutor on Friday accused Washington of seeking to stoke violence in her country, after US lawmakers called for funding for activist groups there.

"There's no doubt that this is to fund the violent actions taking place in Venezuela," Luisa Ortega Diaz told reporters in Geneva.

Diaz said the money would be used to buy C4, a kind of explosive. She had said earlier that authorities had seized a kilo of C4, 200 fire-bombs and 25 firearms during a wave of protests in Venezuela.

Speaking on the sidelines of the session of the UN Human Rights Council, she said any individual receiving foreign money to fund political activity would face punishment.

On Thursday, US senators tabled a bipartisan law to pave the way for sanctions against Venezuelan authorities involved in human rights abuses and unlock \$15 million (10.8 million euros) in funding for organisations defending rights, journalists, activists and demonstrators facing legal action in the country.

The law could be up for discussion within two weeks at the Senate foreign relations committee.

Ortega Diaz said that "the United States act like the world's policeman".

"Who gave them the authority to sanction countries? Are

they the world's court?" she said.

"If that's how it is, I'll sanction the United States for violating human rights in Guantanamo, for invading Vietnam and Afghanistan, for human rights abuses in South America and Central America, for the coup in Chile, in Nicaragua," she said.

Venezuela has been rocked by a wave of anti-government protests that first erupted on February 4 in the western city of San Cristobal. They reached the capital Caracas on February 12, when three people were killed in clashes with security forces.

The demonstrations have been fuelled by public fury over deteriorating living conditions in the oil-rich South American country.

Violent crime, inflation and shortages of essential goods have combined to create the most serious challenge yet for leftist President Nicolas Maduro.

Maduro has dubbed the protests an attempted coup stoked by the United States.

Since the protests began, opposition leaders and students, as well as government authorities, have accused each other of backing radical groups that attack demonstrations with firearms.

On Thursday, Ortega Diaz said that 28 people had been killed and 365 injured in the protests.

## Pope returns from spiritual retreat



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis returned to the Vatican on Friday after a spiritual retreat during which the first anniversary of his election was marked without ceremony. The pontiff returned as he had left on Sunday for the Castelli Romania area south of Rome, on board a bus with members of the Curia, the Vatican bureaucracy. Before leaving the retreat just outside the village of Ariccia, the 77-year-old pope thanked the priest Angelo De Donatis, who had overseen the week of prayer and solemn reflection on the meaning of Lent. The only recognition of Thursday's anniversary of Francis's election as head of the Roman Catholic Church came in the form of a tweet in which he urged the faithful to "please pray for me."



## US, Russia talks on Ukraine end in failure

LONDON (AFP) - Top Russian and US diplomats utterly failed Friday to defuse the crisis over Ukraine, ending up at loggerheads following tense talks over the worst East-West clash since the Cold War.

After six hours of talks between Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US Secretary of State John Kerry, US officials said they "did not find common ground" and everything now depended on Russian President Vladimir Putin's reaction to Sunday's breakaway vote in Crimea.

Despite flying in early Friday from Washington for crisis talks only two days before Crimea is to decide whether to split away from Ukraine, Kerry acknowledged that his mad dash to London had been in vain.

Lavrov "made it clear that President Putin is not prepared to make any decision regarding Ukraine until after the referendum on Sunday," Kerry told reporters after their talks.

But he warned Moscow against any "backdoor annexation" of Ukraine's southern Black Sea peninsula such as by ratifying the vote in the Russian parliament.

Putin's decision will be "of enormous consequence with respect to the global community," Kerry said, adding any move to ratify Crimea's referendum would "fly in the face of every legitimate effort to try to reach out to Russia".

But Lavrov, in a separate press conference, hinted that Moscow was already resolved to bring Crimea under its eventual control.

"Everyone understands -- and I say this with all responsibility -- what Crimea means to Russia, and that it means immeasurably more than the Comoros (archipelago) for France or the Falklands for Britain."

He agreed Moscow and Washington "have no common vision of the situation," adding "differences remain."

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## Obama wants 'more humane' US deportations

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama ordered a review to see whether US deportation policies could be conducted more "humanely" following complaints by Latino advocates over mass expulsions of illegal immigrants.

Obama last week blamed Congress for high levels of deportations, saying he had no

choice but to enforce existing laws because an attempt to pass immigration reform had been jammed in Congress.

Obama told a group of Hispanic lawmakers that he had asked Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to probe "the department's current practices to see how it can conduct enforcement more humanely within the confines of the

law," the White House said.

Obama was this month branded "deporter in chief" by one Latino advocacy group over mass expulsions.

Obama said he had ordered government agents to give priority to deportations of those involved in illegal activity and gangs -- and had used executive power to shield undocumented young people with illegal status

who have known no home other than the United States.

The National Council of La Raza, America's largest Latino advocacy organization, says the administration is close to reaching the two million mark for deportations.

The Senate immigration bill, passed last year, offers a path to eventual citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants.



## Spain patient gets pneumonia by e-cigarettes: hospital

MADRID (AFP) - A patient in Spain caught pneumonia from smoking an electronic cigarette too much, the second ever recorded case of lung illness from the devices, the hospital treating him said Thursday.

The patient, identified by media as a man aged 50, was admitted in the northwestern city of A Coruna for a separate illness and came down with the lung complaint while there, a source at the hospital told AFP.

"He was diagnosed with exogenous lipoid pneumonia caused by an excessive use of electronic cigarette," said the source at the A Coruna University Hospital, who asked not be named.

The disease was caused by a vegetable-based ingredient in the replaceable cartridges that produce the vapour for inhalation, the source added.

Doctors diagnosed the pneumonia "a few days ago" and the patient has since been cured and discharged, the source said.

"According to the medical journals, it is the second case in the world of a breathing complaint related to consumption of electronic cigarettes."

The US specialist medical journal Chest in April 2012 recorded the case of a 42-year-old woman who also caught pneumonia from using e-cigarettes.

Makers of e-cigarettes say they are much less harmful than tobacco and can help people give up smoking. They

brushed off the case in A Coruna.

"There is no proof that this illness was linked to use of an electronic cigarette," said Alejandro Rodriguez, vice-president of the National Electronic Cigarette Association, which represents 500 companies active in Spain.

"How many people die every day from smoking? If in the 15 years that e-cigarettes have been around only two people in the world have caught light pneumonia from this product, we should say well done to it," he told AFP.

The battery-powered devices deliver a puff of nicotine vapour in a variety of possible flavours, minus many of the toxic chemicals present in tobacco.

They are becoming an increasingly popular alternative to tobacco but experts have yet to determine how harmful they may be to people's health.

Experts at a conference in London last November said about seven million Europeans have turned to e-cigarettes in the past four years.

In December, the European Union agreed to regulate the e-cigarette market and Spain said it would ban them from public places like hospitals and schools.

In the United States, lawmakers in the cities of New York and Los Angeles have voted to ban e-cigarettes in public.



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## Colorado launches 'Drive High, Get a DUI' pot campaign

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Colorado has launched a "Drive High, Get a DUI" ad campaign to deter motorists from taking the wheel after consuming marijuana in the US state, which legalized recreational pot in January.

The \$500,000 campaign uses humor and is aimed particularly at young men aged 21 to 34, with a series of TV ads warning about driving after using weed and the risk of receiving a driving-under-the-influence (DUI) penalty.

The western US state became the first in the country to legalize pot for recreational purposes on January 1. Washington state is due to follow suit this year.

In one of Colorado's ads, a young man is seen putting up a flat-screen TV on a wall, then delightedly tucking into munchies -- as the television crashes to the ground.

"Installing your TV while high is now legal," reads the

text in the ad by Colorado's Department of Transportation. "Driving to get a new one isn't."

"Before beginning the campaign, we did extensive research about medical and recreational marijuana users' perceptions of marijuana's effects on driving," said spokeswoman Amy Ford.

"We heard repeatedly that people thought marijuana didn't impact their driving ability, and some believed it actually made them a better driver," she added.

The campaign is backed by the Marijuana Industry Group, a trade organization. "We want

this new industry to thrive," said its head Michael Elliott.

In January more than half the 60 DUI citations issued by police involved motorists who had smoked cannabis, according to Department of Transportation figures.

Marijuana sales in Colorado brought in \$3.5 million in tax revenues and fees in the first month retail pot outlets were allowed, officials said earlier this week.

After Colorado, the Pacific Northwest state of Washington is set to follow suit later this year -- even though, under federal law, marijuana remains as illegal as heroin, ecstasy and LSD.

## Each 15-minute delay steals 1 month of healthy life for stroke sufferers

THE HAGUE - Stroke survivors lose a month of healthy life for every 15 minute delay in receiving a clot-busting drug, a study has suggested.

Health experts have found that for every minute that treatment is more quickly delivered, patients benefit from another 1.8 days of disability-free life.

Clot-busting drug 'alteplase' is given to patients suffering an ischaemic stroke -- caused by a blockage in artery -- when they reach hospital but there are significant differences in how quickly it is administered.

Previously Sir Bruce Keogh, the medical director of the NHS, has called for paramedics to be trained to administer stroke drugs to speed up the process.

But charities warn that it is difficult to tell an ischemic stroke from a brain bleed, which could be made worse by the drugs.

However new research published in the journal Stroke, from the American Heart Association, found that reducing delays by just a few minutes could lead to big gains.

Researchers said that across the entire sample of more than 2,200 people "each 15 minute decrease in treatment delay provided an average equivalent

of one month of additional disability-free life."

"Clot-busting treatment works equally well, irrespective of race, ethnicity or gender. "Speedy restoration of blood flow to the brain is crucial for brain cell survival everywhere."

Current guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) in 2012 said alteplase should be given no more than 4.5 hours after stroke symptoms begin.

But charities believe it should happen sooner.

Some paramedics are trained to administer clot-busting drugs at homes of heart attack victims or in the ambulance and Sir Bruce told the health secretary Jeremy Hunt last year that he would like to make the practice more widespread.

However stroke patients are not given anti-clotting treatment by ambulance staff, as without a CT scan of the patient, doctors cannot know whether they are suffering from a clot-induced stroke or a bleed.

The Royal College of Physicians said there was a "better clinical outcome" for patients taken straight to a specialist centre.



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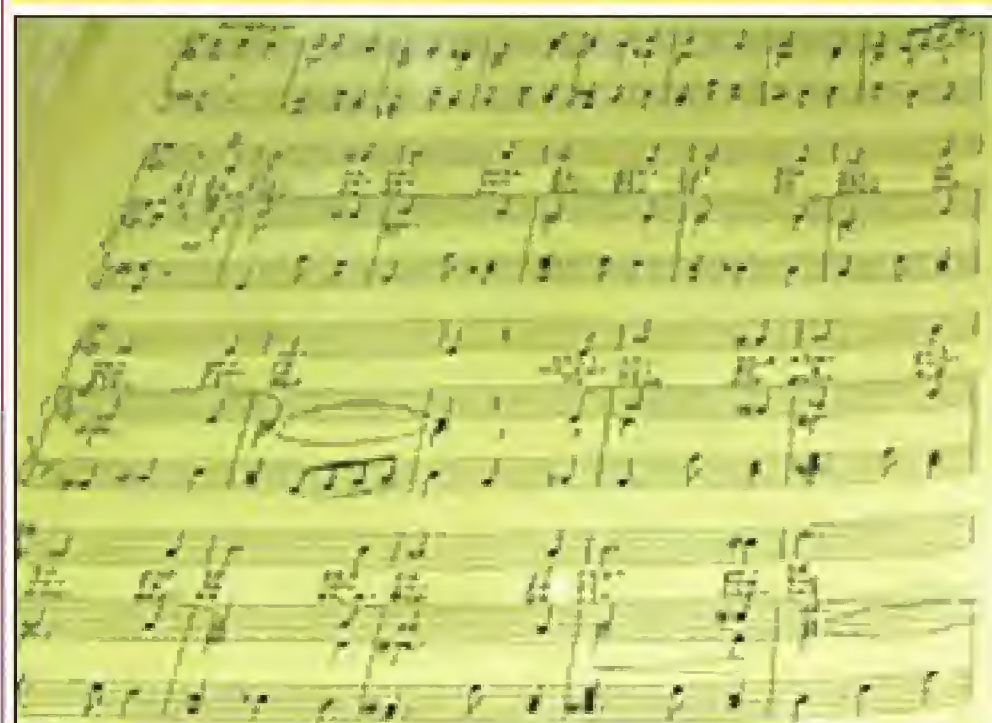
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## 18th March is Aruba's National Anthem and Flag Day



- On 18th March 1948, during a Netherlands-Surinam-Curaçao conference in the Hague, the seeds of independence and a National Day for Aruba were sown by then Aruban leader Shon A. Eman who presented a petition signed by more than 2000 Arubans in favor of our independence.

Almost thirty years later during a parliamentary session on 16th March 1976, it was agreed that March 18th would be Aruba's National Day - the day to celebrate Aruba's national anthem and flag which

was celebrated for the first time in 1976.

Exactly 10 years later, in 1986, also on this important date, Aruba celebrated the achievement by Gilberto F. 'Betico' Croes of a dream that had been three generations in the making - Status Aparte - an autonomous status within the kingdom of the Netherlands.

On this date in 1996, a monument was inaugurated in remembrance of the 2,147 people who, back in 1947 and 1948 had signed a petition in favor of Status Aparte.

**Aruba's National Anthem, "Aruba Dushi Tera"**  
is a waltz composed by Juan Chabaya 'Padu' Lampe (lyrics) and Rufo Wever (music).

**Aruba Precious Country**

Aruba beloved home  
our venerated cradle  
though small and simple  
you may be  
you are indeed esteemed.

**Refrain:**

Aruba our dear country  
our rock so well beloved  
our love for you is so  
strong  
that nothing can destroy it.  
(repeat)

Your beaches so much admired  
with palm trees all adorned  
your coat of arms and flag  
the symbols of our pride.  
**Refrain:**

The greatness of our people  
is their great cordiality  
and may God guide and  
preserve  
its love for freedom.  
**Refrain:**

**Aruba Dushi Tera:**

Aruba patria aprecia  
nos cuna venera  
chikito y simpel bo por ta  
pero si respeta.

**Refrain:**

O, Aruba, dushi tera  
nos baranca tan stima  
nos amor p'abo t'asina grandi  
cu n'tin nada pa kibre (bis)

Bo playanan tan admira  
cu palna tur dorna  
bo escudo y bandera ta  
orgullo di nos tur!

**Refrain:**

Grandeza di bo pueblo ta  
su gran cordialidad  
cu Dios por guia y conserva  
su amor pa libertad!

**Refrain:**







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## Richard III faces final battle in London court

LONDON (AFP) - The final battle of British king Richard III, who died at war in 1485, began Thursday at London's High Court, which must decide where his remains will be laid to rest.

Distant relatives and supporters of the infamous ruler, whose body was found under a car park in Leicester, central England, in 2012, are fighting for his remains to be buried in York Minster, the city that gave its name to Richard's royal house.

The Plantagenet Alliance claim it was the wish "of the last medieval king of England" that he be interred in the historic northern England city.

But the archaeologists who made the astonishing discovery contest that his battle-scarred body should remain in Leicester, at the city's cathedral.

The scientists from the University of Leicester are backed by the Ministry of Justice and the local council, which hopes the monarch will help draw tourists to the central England city.

However, the king's supporter's club is prepared to call a truce if the three judges rule that Justice Secretary Chris Grayling sets up a wide-ranging public consultation exercise.

A third option would be to bury the king in London's Westminster Abbey.

## Global powers sign declaration on sustainable fishing

ATHENS (AFP) - Officials from some of the world's top fishing powers signed a declaration in Greece on Friday to promote sustainable management of fish stocks.

The signatories -- the EU, United States, Japan, Philippines, Colombia and Indonesia -- pledged to support measures to address fishing overcapacity.

These include developing international fishing vessel records, limiting the number of licenses and vessel tonnage and eliminating fisheries subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing.

The event was organised in Thessaloniki under Greece's rotating EU presidency.

According to the European Commission, the EU imports



70 percent of its fish intake. Overall, the bloc accounts for a fourth of the world's seafood resources.

Some progress has been made.

In 2013, 25 stocks were fished sustainably in the North Sea and Atlantic, five times more than in 2009, the European Commission says.

This is expected to increase to 31 stocks in 2015.

But environmental group Greenpeace stressed that more action is needed.

The organisation's oceans policy advisor Sebastian Losada added: "Better management of fishing capacity is critical and long overdue. Governments must ensure that excess fishing capacity is removed and not just dispatched to new fishing grounds."

EU Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki conceded in an on-line article this week that enforcing compliance by states

has been a "struggle".

"To achieve the right balance between fishing power and natural resources, all global actors need to pull together," she wrote in a Huffington Post article.

But she noted that scrapping fishing vessels piecemeal was not in itself an answer to the problem.

## Vietnam coffee production hit by extreme weather



HANOI (AFP) - Extreme weather conditions are hitting coffee production in Vietnam, the world's largest exporter of low-end robusta beans used in instant coffee. Severe cold and drought saw Vietnam's coffee production in the 2013-2014 crop tumble eight percent on the year before, Do Ha Nam, Vice President of the Vietnam Coffee-Cocoa Association (VICOFA) told AFP. Higher-quality arabica beans have also been severely affected by continuing low temperatures in the north of the country. In 2012, Vietnam exported 1.73 million tons of coffee, worth some \$3.67 billion and accounting for more than 50 percent of the world's robusta, which is used in instant coffee or other blends.

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## Fed's balance sheet reaches \$4 trillion at end of 2013

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve said yesterday its balance sheet swelled to \$4.0 trillion at the end of 2013 as it made massive asset purchases to support the US economy.

The Fed, in a report of its 2013 financial results, said net assets increased by \$1.1 trillion compared with its balance on December 31, 2012.

It paid net profit of \$79.6 billion to the US Treasury. By law, the non-profit central bank is required to turn over any profit in excess of operating and other expenses to the government.

Last year's Treasury pay-

ment was less than the record \$88.4 billion in 2012. The Fed said it had reaped no gains on the sales of US Treasury securities in 2013 compared with \$13.3 billion in gains in the prior year.

While earnings are generated by the interest rate the Fed charges to banks in refinancing operations, the bulk of the Fed's 2013 earnings came from interest accrued from the asset-purchase program, which is aimed at tamping down long-term interest rates to encourage US lending and hiring.

Interest income on securities grew to \$90.4 billion at the end of 2013, an increase of

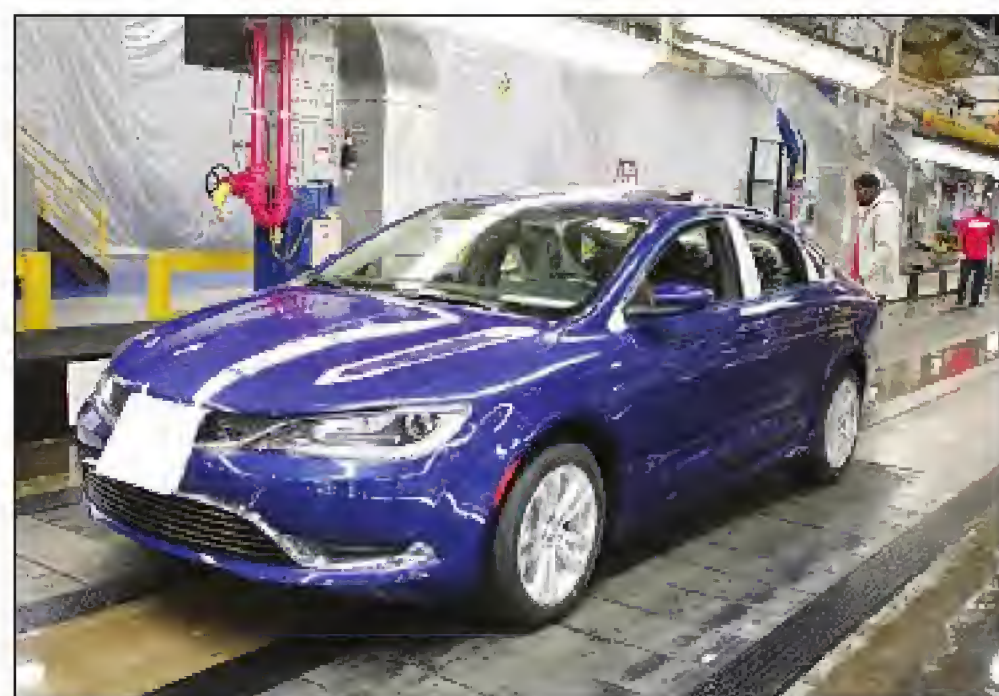
\$9.9 billion from a year earlier.

The central bank racked up \$85 billion a month in asset purchases every month last year. In January and February it cut that back by \$10 billion each month, slowing the buying pace to \$65 billion.

By the end of the year, the Fed's holdings of US Treasury securities increased by \$550.2 billion, and federal agency and certain mortgage-backed securities grew by \$583.5 billion.

The Federal Open Market Committee is widely expected to decide another \$10 billion cut to asset purchases at its policy meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday.

**STERLING HEIGHTS:** The new 2015 Chrysler 200 comes off the assembly line at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant March 14, 2014 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The plant, originally slated for closure in 2010, was transformed by an investment of more than \$1 billion and is now one of the Chrysler Group's largest and most technologically advanced, with more than 5 million square feet of manufacturing space. (AFP PHOTO)



## US FDIC sues major banks over Libor manipulation

NEW YORK (AFP) - The US Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation sued HSBC, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank and 12 other global banking heavyweights yesterday for manipulation of the Libor benchmark interest rate.

The regulator said the manipulation caused "substantial losses" to 38 US banks which were shut down due to insol-

veny during and after the 2008 financial crisis.

The FDIC said the accused institutions cheated the closed banks in US dollar Libor-based swap and other agreements through the manipulation of the rate between 2007 and 2011.

"The Panel Bank Defendants fraudulently and collusively suppressed USD Libor, and they did so to their advan-

tage," the suit said.


It also cited the British Bankers' Association, which oversaw the fixing of Libor at the time. "BBA participated in the alleged scheme to protect the revenue stream it generated from selling Libor licenses and to appease the Panel Bank Defendants that were members of the BBA," it said.

The FDIC said it was seeking full damages for losses incurred by the closed banks, punitive damages, and damages for violating US antitrust statutes.

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Switzerland	CHF	203.86	204.58	205.38
Netherlands	EUR	245.04	247.28	249.77
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## Steady progress, no breakthrough in US-EU trade talks

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The latest round of talks to create the world's largest free trade area wound up yesterday in Brussels with both US and European negotiators reporting progress but no breakthrough.

In particular, the two have yet to agree on harmonising food safety standards and access to public procurement contracts, while a controversial legal mechanism allowing companies to sue governments remains a stumbling block.

Speaking at the end of the fourth round of negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), US chief negotiator Dan Mullaney said he remained committed to an "ambitious" agreement.

"It has been a very good week and we expect to make progress in months to come," Mullaney told a press conference also attended by his European Union counterpart Ignacio Garcia Bercero.

Both Mullaney and Garcia Bercero indicated they are still divided on key issues of market access, while food safety standards remain a major sticking point.

"It is absolutely clear... that nothing we do in these negotiations would imply putting in question the food safety legislation of the EU," Garcia Bercero said.

Mullaney reiterated the US position that it should be "based on science" and that "safe food products" should not be excluded from the deal, a reference to US meat producers' claims that there is no evidence to suggest their products or practices, notably the use of hormones to boost growth, are unsafe.

On access to public procurement contracts, both said the political will for this part of agreement is strong.

Both sides have also agreed to include an investor-state dispute settlement mechanism (ISDS) in the deal, a provision which allows companies to go to court to challenge government policies if they believe they harm their business.

However, there are still differences over how an ISDS would work, with Mullaney simply saying it needed to respect both sides "regulatory space".



**NICOSIA :** Chairs and tables sit near graffiti in the old city of the Cypriot capital Nicosia, on March 14, 2014. A year after a financial earthquake shattered years of prosperity in Cyprus, an austerity plan has put the eastern Mediterranean island back on track despite the bitter pill of rising unemployment. (AFP PHOTO)



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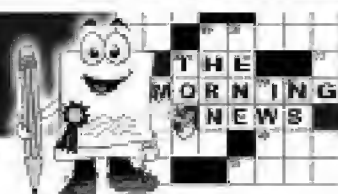
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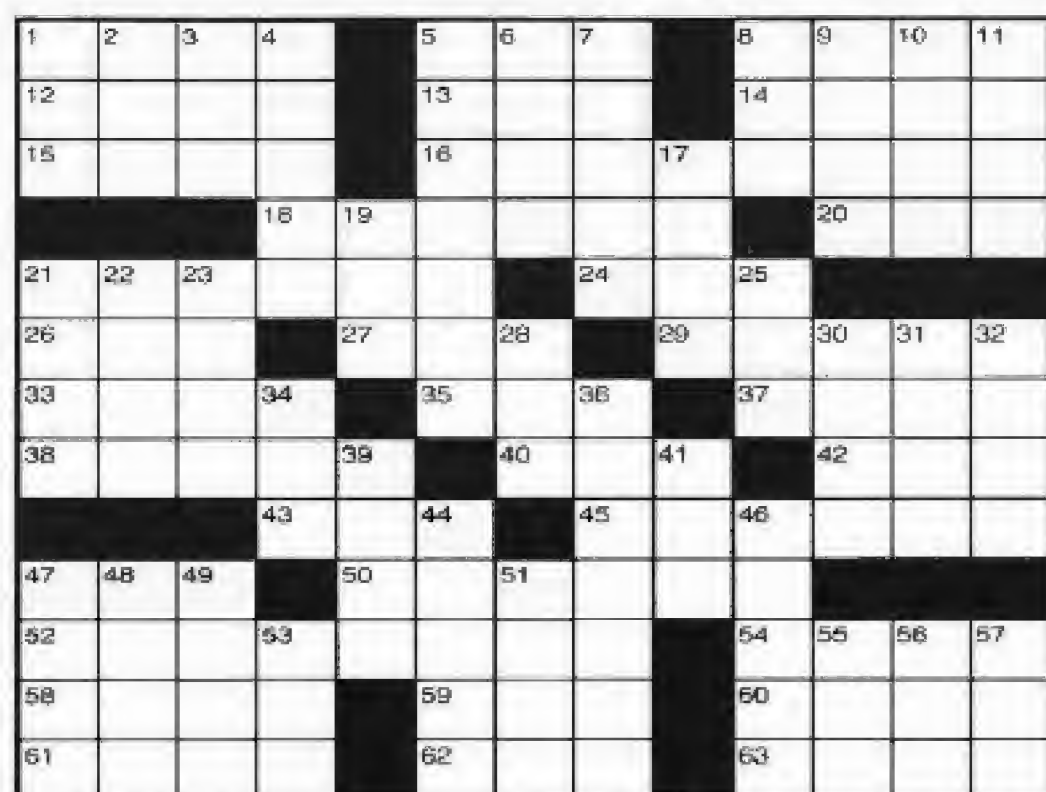
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## ACROSS

1. Sounded the alarm  
5. Air-rifle ammo  
8. Former host Jack  
12. "Beauty \_\_\_\_ the eye..." (2 wds.)  
13. Mouth part  
14. Cronyn of films  
15. "Say it isn't so!" (2 wds.)  
16. Partial (hyph.)  
18. Seafood item  
20. Parts of ft.  
21. Fondle  
24. \_\_\_\_ Perignon  
26. Alias abbr.  
27. It follows fa  
29. Cold cream brand  
33. \_\_\_\_ and tired  
35. Farrow of films  
37. Bread spread, for short  
38. Do a baker's job  
40. What a nurse gives (abbr.)  
42. Like Carroll's Hatter  
43. Make lace  
45. Plato's city  
47. Out of tune  
50. Showy and cheap  
52. Let out of jail  
54. Ridicule  
58. Dressed

## DOWN

1. "\_\_\_\_ Rita"  
2. Volcanic sprinkling  
3. Author Anaïs  
4. Lawn statue  
5. Bloom  
6. Refrigerator crispers  
7. Go fast  
8. Frat house letter  
9. German car  
10. Prayer word  
11. Lipstick shades  
17. Spill liquid  
19. Ocean vessel inits.  
21. Vessel  
22. Related (to)  
23. Human \_\_\_\_  
25. Pop's partner  
28. Used a match  
30. Moniker  
31. Actress Cannon  
32. Covers with turf  
34. Kit \_\_\_\_ Club ("Cabaret")  
36. Genie's master  
39. \_\_\_\_ processing  
41. Middle (abbr.)  
44. Flavorful  
46. Sacred songs  
47. Killer whale  
48. Toppled  
49. Level  
51. Did exist  
53. Sullivan and Wynn  
55. Feedbag item  
56. Likely IRS worker  
57. Door opener

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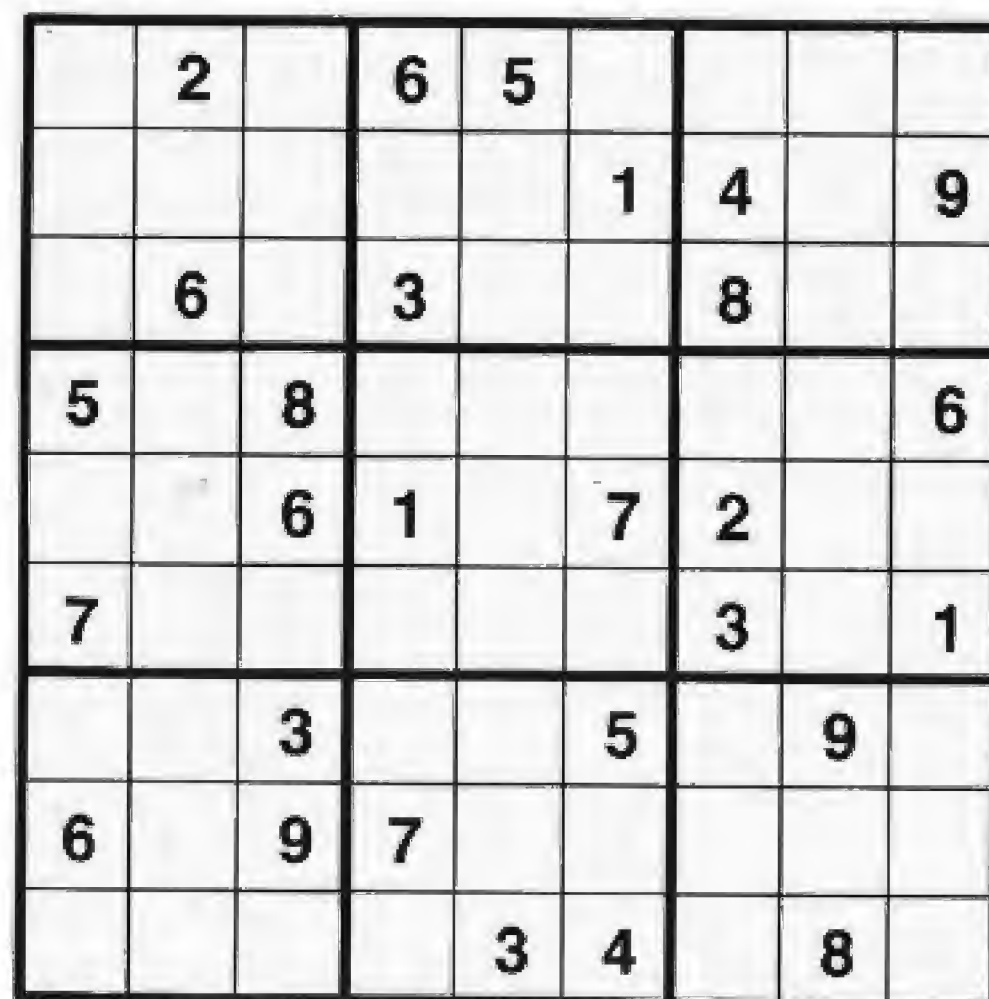
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9	2	6	5	2	1	9	5
5	2	6	5	2	1	9	5
6	8	1	5	2	6	8	5
6	1	2	8	5	9	2	6

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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



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Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

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Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Ma-

machi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe prepara-

tion of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

[queensaruba.com/](http://www.thequeensaruba.com/).

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.



## Football: Banned Anelka walks out on West Brom

LONDON (AFP) - Banned French striker Nicolas Anelka on Friday revealed he has quit West Bromwich Albion with immediate effect.

Anelka, who turned 35 on Friday, was due to start a five-match ban after being punished for his controversial "quenelle" goal celebration but instead he has decided to terminate his contract with the Premier League club.

"Following discussions between the club and me, proposals have been made to me that I rejoined the group under certain conditions," Anelka wrote on his official Twitter account.

"I cannot accept. Wishing to keep my integrity, I decided to free myself and to terminate the contract linking me with West Bromwich Albion until 2014 as of now."

Anelka's contract with the Baggies was set to expire at the end of the season and it had already been reported that he



was considering quitting the Hawthorns after growing disillusioned over the controversy surrounding his now infamous use of what many regard as an anti-semitic gesture to celebrate a goal in West Brom's 3-3 draw at West Ham on

December 28.

The ex-France international strenuously denied all allegations of being racist or anti-semitic and said the salute was to show solidarity with his friend, controversial French comedian Dieudonne M'Bala M'Bala.

West Brom, whose own investigation into the former Arsenal and Real Madrid star's actions was expected to conclude next week, responded angrily to Anelka's announcement and revealed they had received no formal notification of his wish to leave.

Albion had already lost one sponsor as a result of the row and the club had not ruled out sacking Anelka for his quenelle gesture.

Anelka, who has spent 12 years of his career in the Premier League with six clubs, is understood to have also accepted the ruling, which meant his suspension would have started with West Brom's match at Swansea on Today.

## Football: Van Persie quashes talk of United exit

LONDON (AFP) - Robin van Persie has slammed speculation that he is unhappy at Manchester United and wants to quit the troubled Premier League champions.

Van Persie was reported to be disgruntled with life at United following Alex Ferguson's retirement at the end of last season and the Dutch striker's relatively poor form this term has added to the impression that all is not well.

There has been speculation van Persie's relationship with United manager David Moyes is rocky, while the former Arsenal star spoke critically about his team-mates' performance following the recent 2-0 last 16 first leg defeat at Olympiakos in the Champions League.

The 30-year-old was visibly unhappy with Moyes' decision to substitute him in Saturday's 3-0 victory at West Bromwich



Albion, with referee Jon Moss having to point van Persie off the pitch as the Dutchman shook his head, obviously displeased with the choice to haul him off after 60 minutes.

But van Persie on Thursday

hit back at rumours that he wanted to leave in an exclusive interview with United's match-day programme.

"I don't mind if my performances get dissected and people criticise what I've done on the pitch. They can talk about my game 24/7 for all I care and a lot of those opinions and criticisms may actually be right. So I don't mind that," van Persie told United Review.

"What I need to address are the situations when people are taking it upon themselves to think for me, make assumptions, or interpret things as if they are me."

"The truth is I'm very happy here at this club. I signed for four years and I'd be delighted to stay even longer, beyond the next two years I have left on my contract."

United have endured a dismal first season under Moyes, crashing out of both domestic cups and falling 18 points behind Premier League leaders Chelsea.

Van Persie, who scored 30 times in his first campaign with United following a £24 million move from Arsenal, has been well below his best this season, netting just 14 goals.

But he was keen to make it clear he has no problems with Moyes or the rest of the United's squad, adding: "I'm very happy with my team-mates and I'm very happy with my manager and his staff."



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## Paralympic Briefs:



SOCHI (AFP) - France's Patrice Barattero (PSL) competes in the Men's Snowboard Standing during the XI Paralympic Olympic games at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center, near Sochi, on Friday.



SOCHI (AFP) - Rosa Khutor : Netherlands' Lisa Bunschoten crashes while competing during the Women's Para Snowboard Cross - Standing (PSL) event during the Sochi Paralympics at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center on Friday.



ROSA KHUTOR (AFP) - : Ukraine's Olena Iurkovska covers her bronze medal with her hand after finishing third in the Women's Biathlon 12.5 km Sitting during the medal ceremony at the XI Paralympic Olympic games at the Rosa Khutor alpine resort near Sochi yesterday. The majority of Ukraine's Paralympic medalists covered their medals in support of the situation in Crimea.

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## Boxing: Home from home as Garcia defends crown against Herrera

BAYAMÓN (AFP) - Undeclared Danny Garcia defends his two light welterweight world titles today against fellow American Mauricio Herrera in a return to his family's homeland of Puerto Rico.

Garcia risks the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council crowns against a 33-year-old Californian in his first world title bout.

"I'm not coming here to lose my title," Garcia said. "I'm going to come and defend like always. I'm going to win for my people in Puerto Rico."

"It has always been a dream of mine to fight in Puerto Rico. I'm excited about it. They don't have a champion right now."

Garcia, 27-0 with 16 knockouts, comes off a unanimous



decision triumph over Argentina's Lucas Matthysse last September.

Fighting Herrera, 20-7 with seven knockouts, will be Garcia's fifth defense of the WBC crown he won by taking a unanimous decision over Mexico's Erik Morales in 2012.

It will also be the fourth defense of the WBA title Garcia took from England's Amir Khan with a fourth-round stoppage in 2012.

The homecoming aspects have been played up for Garcia, whose father and trainer Angel Garcia is excited to have his son fight in Puerto Rico for the first time.

"It's a great honor for me to bring my son, the world champion, in front of our own people where I was born and grew up," the elder Garcia said.

Herrera, who gives away eight years to his rival, is hoping to spoil the storybook ending Garcia has in mind.

"I trained very well. Fighting Danny is not something to take lightly. But I've fought guys tougher than him for peanuts," Herrera said.

"I started boxing with my two brothers when I was 13 with no gear, bare hands. My biggest purse before this fight was \$30,000. I've worked in

construction and other handy jobs. This is my opportunity. This is my chance and I'm not about to let it pass me by."

Garcia's long-term goal is a big-money showdown with another unbeaten US fighter, welterweight king Floyd Mayweather, who fights Marcos Maidana in May.

"At the end of the day I like to fight the best," Garcia said. "Destiny is destiny. I'm OK with whatever happens. I don't question my manager's job and I think that's why we're in the position where people think I should be fighting him and people think I deserve to fight him. Hopefully the fight might happen one day."



## NBA: Bulls' swingman Dunleavy returns with vengeance



CHICAGO (AFP) - Mike Dunleavy shook off a cruel elbow in the second quarter that left him bloodied and bruised before returning in the third to take down Houston with a superb offensive performance.

The 33-year-old Chicago Bulls swingman needed 10 stitches at halftime to close a

nasty gash over his right eye after being floored by a cruel elbow from the Rockets' Chandler Parsons.

Rather than let it end his night, Dunleavy scored 18 of his 21 points in the third quarter to lift Chicago to a 111-87 win over Houston Thursday night at the United Center arena.

## Boxing: Pacquiao could get fifth fight with Marquez

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao and Mexican star Juan Manuel Marquez would fight each other for a fifth time if both men win their next fight, promoters said.

Top Rank announced that the winner of a May 17 bout between Marquez and Mike Alvarado would be the mandatory title challenger for the winner of next month's World Boxing Organization welterweight title bout between Pacquiao and undefeated American Timothy Bradley.

That could set the stage for 35-year-old southpaw Pacquiao, 55-5 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, to meet 40-year-old Marquez, 55-7 with one drawn and 40 knockouts, yet again in a rivalry that dates to 2004.

Pacquiao fought a controversial featherweight draw with Marquez in 2004, beat the

Mexican in a 2008 split decision for the World Boxing Council super featherweight crown and defended the WBO welterweight title with a 2011 majority decision.

But Marquez took a measure of revenge in 2012, knocking out the Asian star in the sixth round.

For a chance to even the score in the rivalry with Pacquiao, Marquez would have to dispatch American Mike Alvarado, 34-2 with 23 knockouts, and "Pac-Man" would have to defeat US unbeaten Bradley, 31-0 with 12 knockouts.

Bradley won a controversial split decision over Pacquiao in 2012 to take the WBO welterweight crown and defended it last October with a split-decision victory over Marquez.

Alvarado is coming off a loss to Russian Ruslan Provodnikov last October that cost him the WBO light welterweight title.

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# Envisioning a soccer academy for Aruba!

ORANJESTAD - A soccer academy for talented Aruban kids aged 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 with not only soccer training, technique and tactics thrown in, but also with a lunch, help with homework and transportation: it sounds like a dream, but will it be able to come true?

Trainer/coach and initiator of the project Martin Koopman thinks it can become true: results so far are very encouraging. "We're not there yet; many future partners need to be visited as yet," he says.

The Aruban business community is enthusiastic for the plan and wants to sponsor the project.

Minister of Sports Alex Schwengle is in favor as well, as is Prime Minister Eman. Via the academy a giant step can be made for the sports-minded juniors of the island.

Hopefully the scouting trajectory can be initiated in May, 2014 – the idea is that in September the selected children can start attending the academy. The training hours will be, after consultation, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The kids will play in the soccer competition for their own clubs. The Arubaanse Voetbal Bond (AVB) will endorse the academy.

This is the project of Martin Koopman, who is trying to get everything ready for take-off together with his partner Wim van Zeist and in cooperation with AVB's Richard Dijkhof and Lifida's celebrated 'Buchi Panama' (Wever). "We are currently talking to AVB and Buchi about the ins and outs of the project," explains Mr. Koopman.

Martin Koopman used to be a valued player in the Dutch Eredivisie Voetbal (the highest soccer podium in Holland); after that he became a trainer/coach at various Dutch clubs before he went to China, Congo, Saudi Arabia and Oman to bring soccer to a higher level there.

Martin has married an Aruban lady, so there you have his Aruban roots. "I am crazy about Aruba," he smiles.

The idea behind the soccer academy is to link the talented juniors of the island, hereby taking Aruban soccer to a higher level.

The scouting process will not only take place at local clubs, but also at schools, playgrounds or centro di barrios. Per age group 18 chil-

dren can be selected, so that a total of 90 kids can be admitted to the academy. "There is still so much to arrange," tells Martin. "I have been busy during the past five months, mapping out the requirements and having talks with interested parties. Just think about lunch along: we need 13,200 lunches per month!"

The children of the academy will not only receive tutoring in the field of soccer, but also on ethics, behavior and education. "This is a sus-



tainable project that will surely come to fruition in the future; you can shape these juniors, so therefore we start with children of 7 and under." The academy and its partners will sign a three-year contract – hopefully it will be extended for many years to come.

Martin calls the Aruban business community that supports the project his 'partners', because they will be part of the successes that will undoubtedly be reaped. "These children may become

very important for Aruba in the future; I believe in talent that can be taken to great heights in soccer," he says. "Now Aruba always loses to Curacao, but that will be something of the past from next year on." Because Martin knows so many international clubs and important people, he believes that major international soccer tournaments are in the future. "Wait until you see this," he promises. "Dare to dream big and believe in what you can do."

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